

fallen from the dress of the patient's mother while she was cooking hot-cakes for breakfast.

Salt Lake County Medical Society held a regular meeting in the assembly room in the Medical Arts Building, Salt Lake City, Monday, March 14, 1927, with forty-two members and two visitors present.

Minutes of the previous two meetings were read and accepted without correction.

Paul S. Richards of Bingham, Utah, talked on the "Treatment of Epidemic Cerebrospinal Meningitis." He stressed the importance of drainage and specific therapy. He outlined in detail the technique of spinal puncture and the obstacles that may be met, and also described dosage and frequency of the specific serum and showed temperature records on several of his patients.

This very interesting paper was discussed by D. L. Barnard, J. R. Llewellyn, H. H. Pace, J. J. Galligan, F. M. McHugh, E. L. Skidmore, and G. G. Richards.

F. Leaver Stauffer reported thirty-two of his patients on which bronchoscopy had been done. He showed foreign bodies which had been removed, and in his discussion outlined the methods used in removing the offending articles. In conclusion Stauffer showed films on some of his patients.

This very interesting paper was discussed by F. M. McHugh, Vivian White, and R. Mark Brown, who showed some x-ray films of foreign bodies.

Application for membership from the following men were read: R. Mark Brown and L. E. Warenski.

Adjournment at 9:50 p. m.

M. M. CRITCHLOW, *Secretary*.

**In Memoriam**—Walter E. Ellerbeck, M. D., 54, one of the prominent physicians and surgeons of Salt Lake, died suddenly Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the family residence, 955 East South Temple Street, of acute dilatation of the heart. Doctor Ellerbeck had been ill but three days, and his death was a distinct shock to his family and friends.

After receiving his primary education in the public schools of Salt Lake he attended the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia and was graduated from this institution in 1894. The following two years he spent as an intern at the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia and then returned to Salt Lake to commence his private practice.

Doctor Ellerbeck was a member of the Utah State Medical Association and was its secretary for nine years. He was also a member of the Salt Lake County Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

Out of respect to Doctor Ellerbeck, the party of the Auxiliary of the Salt Lake County Medical Association, scheduled for Saturday night at the Medical Arts Building, was postponed.

Dr. M. Skolfield has just been appointed a member of the newest branch of the medical profession, that of air medicine. Dr. Louis H. Bauer of the aeronautical branch of the department of commerce, said that negotiations are now pending with leading medical schools of the United States for the purpose of establishing air medicine courses.

He said the aviator requires several physical qualifications peculiar to his profession, one of which is to see out of the corner of his eye when looking straight ahead in order to pick up other planes. He must also have a nervous system which is capable of withstanding much wear and tear, and his keeping in condition can only be accomplished by physicians who make a specialty of the changes in the human body while it is away from its natural element.

Doctor Skolfield will be a part of the nucleus of the corps of examiners of recruits for air medical colleges.

William O. McCracken, aviation assistant to Secretary Hoover, said that he looks forward to the day when a specially qualified physician will be on duty at each important airport, giving assurance of the capacity of pilots to direct their loads of passengers and freight safely through the upper regions.

## NEWS

The Pacific Coast Surgical Association held its second annual meeting in Del Monte, February 25 and 26, with Stanley Stillman, San Francisco, presiding. There was a large attendance, notwithstanding the heavy rains attendant with washouts. Many of its members from the North were en route five days and nights. On reaching Del Monte they were welcomed by the warm rays of the sun. The scientific papers elicited much discussion. In the afternoons recreation was had in golf and motoring. Saturday evening the association dinner was held in the Copper Cup Room, and was graced by the presence of the wives of the members. Clarence Toland, Los Angeles, officiated as toastmaster and addresses were made by Stanley Stillman, San Francisco; Thomas W. Huntington, San Francisco; W. D. Kirkpatrick, Bellingham, Washington; Doctor McNetrney, Tacoma, Washington; Doctor Swindt, Pomona; and J. Tate Mason, Seattle.

It was decided to meet in Portland the same time next year. The following officers were elected: Robert C. Coffey, Portland, president; A. S. Lobingier, Los Angeles, first vice-president; George W. Swift, Seattle, second vice-president; and Edgar L. Gilcreest, San Francisco, secretary-treasurer.

The men who constitute the council are: Thomas O. Burger, San Diego; J. Tate Mason, Seattle; Harold Brunn, Philip K. Gilman, Stanley Stillman, San Francisco.

First resolution proposed by Horace G. Wetherill, Monterey, California, and adopted by the Pacific Coast Surgical Association, at the second annual meeting in Del Monte, February 26, 1927.

### Lister Centennial

*Resolved*, That the Pacific Coast Surgical Association act as sponsors for certain memorial meetings to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Joseph Lister, and that the president of the Association is hereby directed to appoint four committees of five Fellows of the Association each, one for the state of Washington, one for the state of Oregon, one for northern California, and one for southern California.

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of each of these committees to arrange for a meeting in its territory on the fifth of April next (1927) to which meeting Fellows of the Pacific Coast Surgical Association, all members of the regular medical profession, nurses' associations, members of scientific societies, clergymen of all denominations, members of bar association, and, if deemed best, the public, may be invited.

*Resolved*, That Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, and Los Angeles be designed as the places in which these *Centenary Jubilee Meetings* shall be held, that suitable speakers and ceremonies shall be selected and arranged in order that the service to humanity and to surgical science of the *Founder of Modern Surgical Science*, Joseph Lister, may be duly acknowledged by a grateful people; giving opportunity for an expression of our appreciation of his inestimable gift to us all, and that we may pay tribute to his memory and give thanks for his beneficent endowment for the cure of disease, the relief of suffering and the prolongation of life for all mankind.

The University of California Medical School, San Francisco, offers courses for qualified physicians in General Medicine, Pediatrics, Gastrointestinal Diseases, Dermatology, Syphilology, Radium Therapy, General Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Otorhinolaryngology, Ophthalmology, Genitourinary Diseases, Surgical Pathology, Roentgen Ray, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Circulatory Diseases, Laboratory Diagnosis, Neurology and Neuropsychiatry, in its summer term beginning June 6 and ending July 2.

The Alexander Sanitarium, Incorporated, at Belmont, California, recently opened their new occupational therapy

building, Hamilton Memorial. Many physicians and friends of the institution took part in the dedication exercises.

**President Albert Soiland announces that the American Radium Society** will hold a two-day session at the Hotel Mayflower in Washington, on Monday and Tuesday, May 16 and 17, which is just prior to the session of the American Medical Association.

On these two days, members of the American Radium Society will present papers on general radium therapy. All Fellows of the American Medical Association who are in Washington at this time are cordially invited to attend the sessions.

**Externship in Dermatology and Syphilology—Stanford University Medical School**—On August 1, 1927, an appointment to this position will be made for the year 1927-28. Salary, \$75 per month. About 300 syphilitics per week, and an average of thirty dermatological cases per day are treated. There are ample opportunities and facilities for research. Applications must be filed before June 1, stating age and educational qualifications of candidate. Address Harry E. Alderson, M. D., Clinical Professor of Medicine (Dermatology and Syphilology), Stanford Medical School, San Francisco.

The Los Angeles Surgical Society held a meeting March 11, at the California Lutheran Hospital.

Program: The Diagnosis of New Growths of the Intestine, Maurice Kahn; Surgical Treatment of New Growths of the Intestine, Rea Smith; and the Roentgen or X-Ray Diagnosis of Diverticulosis and Carcinoma of the Colon, William B. Bowman and Ray Carter.

**Illinois State Medical Society Special Trains to A. M. A. Meeting**—The Illinois State Medical Society is running a special train to Washington, D. C., over the Pennsylvania Railroad for the A. M. A. meeting in May.

Chicago is the transfer terminal for physicians coming from your district. Travel on this special train will undoubtedly hold many pleasurable features that otherwise would be unavailable. In addition to this opportunity for fraternization among doctors from Illinois and states north and west, there is a certain amount of professional pride in making of this "Special" a banner train. The schedule of train service is as follows: (These trains will be on the Pennsylvania Railroad.)

Leave Chicago, 1 p. m., May 15-16.

Arrive Washington, 9 a. m., May 16-17.

Additional special car service on the Liberty Limited, May 14 and 17, and the Pennsylvania Limited, May 14, 15, 16, and 17.

Liberty Limited—Leave Chicago, 1 p. m. Arrive Washington, 9 a. m.

Pennsylvania Limited—Leave Chicago, 5:30 p. m. Arrive Washington, 4:20 p. m.

Address inquiries and reservation requests to Mr. W. E. Blachley, Division Passenger Agent, Room 524, Union Station, Chicago.

**Nurses' Alumnae Present Gift**—The graduate Nurses Alumnae of St. Mary's Hospital were hostesses at a very enjoyable "at home" given recently to the Sisters of Mercy in the spacious auditorium of the hospital. A unique program was presented and at its close, a purse was presented to the Sisters for the new chapel, which forms part of the beautiful new addition to the hospital now in course of construction.

Sister Superior M. Paschal thanked the Alumnae for their generosity not only on this but for many evidences on former occasions.

**St. Luke's Hospital** at Twenty-seventh and Valencia streets, San Francisco, has inaugurated a free clinic in oral and plastic surgery, which is being held in the Clinic Building every Thursday afternoon at 2 p. m.

The Franklin Hospital Clinical Society met on Friday, February 4, in the hospital auditorium.

Doctor Shiels presented two cases: one, an early Ray-

naud's disease; and, two, a case of lues of the nervous system. Doctor Weil presented two cases of carcinoma of the rectum at different stages.

Shiels emphasized the importance of early diagnosis. He also enlarged upon the differential diagnosis associated with Raynaud's disease. Interesting discussion took place regarding prophylactic treatment and the surgical possibilities in the effort to prevent gangrene.

Weil demonstrated specimens of malignancy of the rectum, and described the surgical method associated with the removal of the mass.

Doctor Gehrels enlarged upon the treatment of such malignancies, and reported the results of his Kraskey operations. He also demonstrated patient who had undergone this operation in the clinic of Doctor Weil.

A second meeting of the Franklin Hospital Clinical Society was held on Friday, February 18.

Weil presented another "Raynaud's" of advanced type which had undergone operative procedures.

A third meeting of the Clinical Society took place in the x-ray room of the hospital on Friday, March 5. This meeting was under the direction of Dr. George Hartman, who took up as his subject "Tuberculosis of the Genitourinary Tract," paying particular attention to tuberculosis of the kidney. He made a strong plea for the early diagnosis of kidney tuberculosis, and presented a number of very interesting x-ray pictures.

Doctor Hartman then read reports of cases operated upon by him, and stated that the earlier the kidney was removed the less chance there would be for bilateral involvement. He also declared that very intimate search for primary focus should be correlated with the aid received from a stereoscopic study of kidney plates.

Doctor Shiels showed x-ray plates of a Japanese patient who arrived in the hospital with a provisional diagnosis of liver abscess, made at the Salinas County Hospital. He told that the physical signs were typical of empyema, but that the fluoroscopic examination suggested that the aforesaid diagnosis of liver abscess seemed to be the correct one, and that flat plates taken anteriorly and posteriorly and laterally seemed to warrant the fluoroscopic diagnosis.

**S. G. Kreinman**, who has been chief resident of California Lutheran Hospital since 1925, has resigned to enter practice in the office of F. L. Anton, Pacific Mutual Building. A. O. Sanden, until recently assistant surgeon at Soldiers' Home Hospital, Sawtelle, succeeds Doctor Kreinman. The California Lutheran Hospital at present has an intern staff of nine. This will be increased to twelve July 1.

Now that we have heard from the pulpit and through the editorial columns of the press concerning the causes of a series of suicides among university students occurring of late, it might be appropriate to hear from those whose business it is to observe, study, and treat this class of individuals.

From the pulpit we find the explanation in the "gorging and forcing the mind before it is mature," particularly with "speculative theories of psychology, sociology, and subjects which call for maturity of intellect for their mastery or comprehension." The press approaches the truth in defending our courses of study and emphasizing the "neurotic life of these piping days," and calling attention to the fact that the suicide rate among students falls considerably below that of the average of the general population.

All, however, have quite forgotten to take into consideration the individual equation. These individuals are emotionally unstable and are only exhibitions of "shell shock" in times of peace. We always have had and always will have them, and but for their early passing they would in all probability have developed a "mental state" under some subsequent mental strain. The emotionally unstable are ever subject to suggestion, and the wide advertising of the "students' suicide parade" by the press serves only to increase the numbers. Most of these individuals were never intended for a student's life, and failed before they started. Some day there will be a more careful appraisal of physical and mental qualifications of those entering our industries, professions, and universities. —Editorial, *Wisconsin M. J.*